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1. WE LEARNED FROM RELIABLE SOURCE NIMEIRI CONFIDED TO FRIENDS OVER WEEKEND THAT HE IS AWARE "LIBYANS HAVE STARTED PLOTTING AGAIN". HE SAID SHARIF HUSSEIN AL-HINDI AND TWO COLLEAGUES RECENTLY WENT TO ADDIS ABABA WHERE THEY ASKED ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT NOT RPT NOT TO AGREE TO RECONCILIATION WITH SUDAN. ACCORDING NIMEIRI, HINDI TOLD ETHIOPIANS THAT RECONCILIATION WAS "YELLOW", THAT IS, TAINTED, INSTEAD OF WHITE AND GENUINE. ON OTHER HAND, AL-AYAM DECEMBER 27 HAD OPTIMISTIC STATEMENT FROM NIMEIRI TO EFFECT THAT SUDAN AND ETHIOPIA HAVE NOW RPT NOW PAVED WAY FOR RECONCILIATION. STATEMENT WAS DISTRIBUTED LATER TO ALL MEDIA.

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2. KHARTOUM SOURCES REPORT THAT IN LONDON HUSSEIN AL-HINDI IS TRYING TO PERSUADE ELDEST SON OF DECEASED IMAM, WALI AL-DIN AL-HADI AL-MAHDI, TO JOIN NEWLY PROGRESSIVE NATIONAL FRONT OF POLITICAL OPPOSITION TO NIMEIRI. IMAM'S SON ALLEGEDLY COULD CONTROL MAHDI SECT WARRIORS, KNOWN AS ANSAR, IN LIBYA AND ELSEWHERE OUTSIDE SUDAN. WALI AL-DIN ONCE ACCEPTED AMNESTY BUT LATER LEFT AGAIN. SADIQ AL-MAHDI,

NEPHEW OF LATE IMAM AND POLITICAL HEAD OF SECT, REPORTED TO FRIENDS FROM LONDON THAT HE HOPES OBTAIN RETURN TO SUDAN OF 300 ARMED ANSARS AT ONE CAMP IN LIBYA BEFORE JANUARY 1, WHEN NIMEIRI WILL MAKE INDEPENDENCE DAY SPEECH.

3. FOR PAST FEW WEEKS, KHARTOUM TROOPS HAVE BEEN ON ALERT STATUS SIMILAR TO THAT OFTEN USED BEFORE RECONCILIATION. ALERT STATUS HAS NO DISCERNIBLE EFFECT ON ROUTINE OF KHARTOUM, BUT PROBABLY IS HURTING MILITARY MORALE AS MUCH AS IT FORMERLY DID. OFFICERS AND SENIOR NCOS DISLIKE BEING ON DUTY AWAY FROM FAMILIES FOR LONG PERIOD OF BOREDOM. AL-AYAM REPORTED WITHOUT COMMENT DECEMBER 27 THAT TRUCK FROM GEDAREF WAS STOPPED AT NORMAL CHECK POINT BY POLICE WHO FOUND THREE MACHINE GUNS AND QUANTITY OF MUNITIONS IN CONCEALMENT. THREE MEN WERE ARRESTED.

4. COMMENT: NIMEIRI IS SINCERELY OPTIMISTIC ABOUT RECONCILIATION WITH ETHIOPIA BASED ON RESULTS OF FREETOWN MEETING. EVEN LIBYAN ANTAGONISM IS NOT LIKELY UNITE SUDANESE EXILES INFO AS DANGEROUS MENACE AS BEFORE RECONCILIATION NOW THAT SADIQ AND MANY OTHERS HAVE RETURNED. IF SADIQ PERSUADES ANSAR RETURN TO SUDAN, THEY WILL BE REQUIRED BY LIBYA TO RETURN WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT BEFORE DEPARTURE. TALK IN KHARTOUM THAT RETURNING ANSAR WILL BE ABSORBED INTO SUDANESE ARMY SEEMS IMPLAUSIBLE IN FACE OF ANTIPATHY IN ARMY AND RELUCTANCE BY NIMEIRI TO ARM ANSAR
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AGAIN. HOWEVER, NIMEIRI INTEGRATED SOUTHERN REBEL ARMY INTO NATIONAL ARMY AFTER 1972 AND THAT PROGRAM HAS GENERALLY SUCCEEDED. BERGUS

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